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SUBJECT:MISSING PERSONS IN ECUADOR: VISIT OF NBC TV

FILM CREW TO ECUADOR

REF: (A) QUITO 1546, (B) 75 STATE A-4872

1. PRIVACY ACT PROHIBITS DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT HIS/HER PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT, UNLESS SUCH DISCLOSURE IS CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THE PRIVACY ACT.

2. EMBASSY IS CORRECT THAT LETTERS OF CONSENT FROM FAMILIES OF MISSING PERSONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT FROM THE INDIVIDUAL. THEREFORE, EMBASSY MAY ONLY RELEASE PERSONAL INFORMATION IF DISCLOSURE IS EITHER REQUIRED TO BE RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OR IF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTMENT (SCA) RULES THAT PERSONAL INFORMATION CAN BE RELEASED BECAUSE THE PUBLIC BENEFIT WOULD OUTWEIGH THE LOSS OF PRIVACY. AT THIS TIME THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC BENEFIT WOULD BE SERVED BY RELEASING ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION TO NBC.

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT NBC MAY FILE FREEDOM OF

INFORMATION REQUEST FOR ALL FILES PERTAINING TO PERSONS

MISSING IN ECUADOR. IF SUCH REQUEST IS RECEIVED IT WILL BE REVIEWED IN DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ANY RECORDS DEEMED RELEASABLE. IN MEANTIME NBC SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN DIRECT ACCESS TO EMBASSY FILES ON CASES.

4. PLEASE NOTE THAT PRIVACY ACT AFFECTS THE RELEASE ONLY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION. EMBASSY MAY DISCUSS WITH NBC WITHIN LIMITS OF PRIVILEGED SOURCES (SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS) ANY OFFICIAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY CONSULAR PERSONNEL TO LOCATE MISSING PERSONS. EMBASSY MAY PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF OUR EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, WITH PARTICULAR STRESS ON HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS AND THE AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT.

5. EMBASSY MAY ALSO PROVIDE PERSONAL INFORMATION WHICH IS ALREADY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN WHICH IS NOT DEROGATORY TO THE INDIVIDUALS OR EMBARRASSING TO THEIR FAMILIES.

6. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES DESIRABILITY OF MAKING MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INFORMATION POSSIBLE AVAILABLE TO NBC TEAM ESPECIALLY AS THE EMBASSY'S RECORD IN THESE CASES IS AN IMPRESSIVE ONE. NEVERTHELESS, THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY STATUTE NECESSARILY ARE OVERRIDING.

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